

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group II, Claims 7-11.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Centaureidin, the compound shown in claim 8. Claims 7-11 read upon the elected species.

This species election is made with traverse. Claim 7 recites that "R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group". Applicants assert that one skilled in the art would consider hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl substituents to be chemically equivalent substituents of an aromatic ring system. Accordingly, these species have unity of invention. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the species election requirement.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee. Application in **bold** corresponds to the present application

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/847,761	METHOD FOR STAINING CORNEOCYTES, METHOD FOR PREPARING CORNEOCYTES SPECIMEN AND SKIN ANALYSIS SYSTEM	05/18/04
10/848,233	METHOD FOR STAINING CORNEOCITES, METHOD FOR PREPARING CORNEOCITES SPECIMEN AND SKIN ANALYSIS SYSTEM	05/18/04
10/518,776	ANTIFUNGAL MEDICINAL COMPOSITIONS	12/17/04
10/537,320	DENDRITE ELONGATION INHIBITOR FOR MELANOCYTE AND SKIN PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING THE SAME	06/02/05
10/551,924	METHOD OF JUDGING DEGREE OF HAIR DAMAGE	10/05/05
11/912477	NOVEL TRITERPENIC ACID DERIVATIVE AND PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL APPLICATION FOR SKIN COMPRISING THE SAME	24-Oct-2007
12/06400	METHOD OF EVALUATING SKIN CONDITIONS AND METHOD OF ESTIMATING SKIN THICKNESS	15-Feb-2008

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Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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